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Spring Cowbridge Feature

Released from prison... then committed assault and a burglary

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A DRUNKEN man caught burgling a Spanish restaurant in Bridgend had to be carried from the premises by four police officers, passing diners having a night out, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Minutes before, Bryan

Hosking had been locked in the wine cellar while officers were called, and he smashed hundreds of bottles of wine, worth a total of £1,200. Hosking, 20, of no fixed address and who had lived in the Pontycymmer area, was jailed for eight months after admitting burglary with intent to steal, assaulting the police and a public order offence.

Recorder Richard Williams said: "You became aggressive and you had to be contained. It took four officers to get you safely out of the restaurant."

Prosecutor Nigel Friar said the offences occurred on February 27 at the La Cocina restaurant, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

At about 8pm, Hosking walked in extremely drunk causing the staff to be concerned.

He was followed inside by members of staff and he went into the cellar, where he tried to stuff bottles of wine into his jacket and trousers.

He became aggressive and when told to get out, he became confrontational and was locked inside.

At that point he began smashing bottles.

When the police arrived he stamped on an officer's foot and it took two of them to remove him through the restaurant.

After that, said Mr Friar, he lashed out and kicked another officer.

Damage to stock came to £1,200.

When interviewed, he said he had absolutely no recollection of the incident as he had drunk 20 cans of strong cider following his release from prison.

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PARC PRISON INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FROM THE PRINCESS ROYAL

A PRINT-SHOP instructor from Parc Prison in Bridgend is celebrating being presented with an award by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal at St James's Palace in London, on 15 March.

Mark Brayshaw received the award from the Butler Trust, which has The Princess Royal as its patron. His award was one of just 11 granted from over 350 nominations across Britain. Mr Brayshaw's colleague, Jason Edwards, a carpentry instructor, received a runners-up commendation at the same event.

Now in their 33rd year, the Butler Trust annual awards recognise outstanding service by staff and volunteers working in UK prisons, probation, and youth justice settings.

This year's award ceremony was held at St James's Palace, with The Princess Royal presiding, as she has each year since the

charity's launch. The Secretary of State for Justice, David Gauke MP, and Prisons and Probation Minister, Rory Stewart MP, were among the audience of over 200 to honour this year's winners.

After the presentations, The Princess talked to Mr Brayshaw and his fellow winners over afternoon tea in the Palace State Rooms.

Simon Shepherd, director of the Trust, said: "It's easy to forget that there's an unsung army of people behind the criminal justice headlines."

"Every day, these hidden heroes do remarkable and inspiring work on behalf of the public. "Our winners show the very best of this sector, and that's very good indeed."

Of Mr Brayshaw, the chair of the Butler Trust's independent awarding panel, Sir Michael Harrison said: "Mark has not only developed a successful high quality printing service with clients across Wales and beyond, he has given valuable transferable



Mark Brayshaw receiving his award from The Princess Royal.

skills to prisoners.

"Many go on to work in the print industry and some have even been inspired to set up their own businesses."

Rory Stewart MP, Prisons and Probation Minister, said: "I am very proud to see the exceptional work of our prison and probation staff recognised at today's ceremony."

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Choir returns to Welsh Assembly



The Tenovus Bridgend Sing With Us choir, with choir leader Ruth Morris. Photo courtesy of Tenovus Cancer Care.

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones and Ogmores AM Huw Irranca-Davies welcome back the Tenovus Bridgend Sing with Us choir to the Senedd recently, said a spokesperson.

In front of an audience including schoolchildren, Assembly Members and Assembly Commission staff, the choir performed a number of songs including 'Burning Love', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', 'Put a Little Love in your Heart', 'You'll Never Walk Alone', 'Mr Blue Sky', 'Something inside so strong/It's my life' and 'Calon Lân'.

It was not the first time that the choir had performed at the National Assembly for Wales. It performed at the Senedd in December 2015 when it sang a number of festive carols. The Tenovus Bridgend



From left: Carwyn Jones AM; choir leader Ruth Morris; and Huw Irranca-Davies AM at the Senedd.

Sing with Us choir began in 2013 and since then has performed in Houses of Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales.

In 2016, the choir was a recipient of the Bridgend Mayor's Citizenship Award in the group category and since

2013, the choir has grown to more than 70 members.

"There are 15 Sing with Us choirs across Wales and three in England. Sing with Us is an innovative way of

supporting cancer patients and the people that care about them,"

said the spokesperson.

Mr Jones said: "It was a great pleasure to welcome back to the Senedd the Tenovus Bridgend Sing with Us choir."

"The choir performed beautifully and there was certainly something for everyone."

"I am so glad that a number of my colleagues and other visitors to the Senedd had the opportunity to enjoy such a fantastic performance."

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "What a pleasure it was to host Bridgend Tenovus Cancer Choir at the Assembly with the First Minister and to hear the chorists' voices ringing through the Assembly - the joy of singing and friendship epitomised in a brilliant performance".

JOIN THE PARTY AT CARNEGIE HOUSE

JOIN the party at Carnegie House at the Mad Hatter's Easter Tea Party.

There will be lots of activities and entertainment for all ages, including circus skills, Mad Hat making, Mad Hat decorating (bring along an old hat if you have one), decorative brooches and bunting, storytelling and music.

The event runs 10am to 2pm on March 31.

The tea party starts a fun-filled spring programme which offers a wide range of opportunities for the whole community to get involved.

Develop your creative skills at classes in art, languages, dance and drama; become part of the Carnegie House family with the circus group, community orchestra, Krafty Kids and PropShop sessions, or simply sit back and enjoy some inspiring talks, demonstrations and performances from local heritage to

cooking, gardening, poetry and music.

Cllr Isabel Robson, the chair of the Carnegie House committee, said: "The new programme in Carnegie House is designed to be accessible to everyone regardless of age, ability or experience."

"We want to create a fun centre for the arts in Bridgend for all our residents to help us be happier, healthier and more inspired. We hope you can join us for the new programme, we'd love to see you."

Supported by Arts Council of Wales, Carnegie House is run by Bridgend Town Council and aims to widen access to participation in cultural activities for the community to help improve wellbeing.

For further information see www.carnegiehouse.co.uk for all the featured listings and courses or see Twitter and Facebook to receive up to date listings and news.

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New location for Maesteg Citizens Advice centre

MAESTEG Citizens Advice office has moved location.

The office is now based at the Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hartshorn House, Neath Road, Maesteg, CF34 9EE.

The new opening times are Monday, 9.30am to 2pm; Tuesday, 9.45am to 2pm and Thursday from 9.30am to 2pm.

Citizens Advice provides free, confidential and independent advice to help people overcome their problems.

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'Get seen' with local opticians' hi-vis donation

A BRIDGEND opticians has donated 250 high-visibility vests on the area in an effort to help keep children safe on the roads.

Tremains Primary School, Penybont Primary School, Brackla Primary School, Litchard Primary School and a local Scout group each received 50 vests from staff at the Specsavers store on Adare Street.

The vests will help keep children as safe as possible during extra-curricular activities by making them more visible, especially to motorists.

Specsavers Bridgend store director, Stuart Buckmaster, said: "Ensuring the younger members of our community are kept safe when out and about is important to us, which is why we were keen to make a contribution to their safety through the donation of high-visibility vests."

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Call for Welsh Government to deal with 'quiet crisis' in education

BRIDGEND councillor Carolyn Webster has called on the Welsh Labour Government to 'step up to the plate and deal with the quiet crisis in education'.

It follows news that headteachers across the country fear a lack of funding is driving standards down and class sizes up.

Cllr Webster said: "Our head teachers have called this a 'quiet crisis', but for the sake of our children we have to make some noise about it."

"The Welsh Labour Government must take urgent action to prioritise funding for education - not just for the sake of our young people, but for the sake of the country."

Lyndon Watkins, the head of St Mary's RC primary school, currently seconded to a school in Cardiff, told BBC Wales schools in Bridgend received the same funding this year as they did six years ago, despite rising costs.

Cllr Webster added: "I can only imagine how demoralising it must be for staff. It's like trying to do a job without the necessary tools. This had to change."

Shadow Education Secretary Darren Millar said: "There can be no excuse for the consistent underfunding of education in Wales. For every pound spent on schools in England, the Welsh Government receives £1.20 to spend here - yet in spite of this the pupils in Wales attract

almost £700 each less in spending than those over the border.

"It's a national scandal, and little wonder that Wales' education system is at the bottom of the UK league table and languishing in the bottom half of international rankings."

"The Welsh Labour-led Government must reverse its cuts and invest more in our teachers and schools so that the next generation has the best possible chance to reach their full potential."

A Welsh Government spokesperson said: "School funding is the responsibility of local councils. It is therefore important to recognise that not a single Welsh local authority faces a reduction of more than 0.5 per cent in their core funding next year."

"Across Welsh Government, we have taken action to prioritise funding to the Local Government Settlement to ensure resources go straight to the front line to support school spending."

"We recognise the UK Government's continued austerity agenda is putting on our public services, which is why only last week the Education Secretary announced an additional £14m to be directed straight to the front line to support every school across Wales. As a government, we will continue to prioritise school funding."

Wales ranks bottom in the PISA rankings for the UK.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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23 Fri	10.10	9.2	22.31	8.9
24 Sat	11.02	8.6	23.29	8.3
25 Sun			13.13	8.1
26 Mon	01.52	8.0	14.43	7.9
27 Tues	03.25	8.0	16.12	8.1
28 Wed	04.44	8.5	17.22	8.7
29 Thur	05.48	9.2	18.16	9.4

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Bridgend-based lecturer demonstrated at Crufts

AN animal and equine studies lecturer – who lives in Bridgend – at Coleg Sir Gâr (Carmarthenshire College) appeared at this year's Crufts with her terrier Muffin, after they were both invited to perform a demonstration in the main ring of the event.

Muffin, a Parson Russell terrier and Lauren Rees, demonstrated the skills required to compete in canicross, a growing sport involving cross-country running with dogs, originating from

sled-dog sports.

The demonstration was organised by Canicross Trailrunners, and Lauren said: "Muffin and I have been competing regularly in the sport for a number of years.

"Muffin is one of the smallest dogs that competes in the sport as it's more commonly associated with pointer and husky type of dogs, but she manages to hold her own and we regularly achieve times similar to some of the bigger breeds."

The pair were livestreamed on YouTube, and highlights will be shown on Channel 4.



Parson Russell terriers, as with the better-known Jack Russell, are small dogs with big characters, and abilities that exceed their size. The photo shows animal studies lecturer Lauren Rees with her terrier, Muffin, at Crufts.

Andy Burnett

Join the Pink Party for Cancer Research UK

SLIP on your boogie shoes and make your way to the dance floor!

Halo Leisure's Bridgend Life Centre will play host to a Zumbadance fitness event to fundraise for Cancer Research UK.

Participants are asked to wear pink and dance

the afternoon away in support of the charity.

The event is led by one of Bridgend Life Centre's Zumba instructors, Andy Burnett, and he will lead participants through an energetic, fun and fabulous dance party.

Andy said: "It will have you forgetting it's

fitness. Get the feel good factor, it's fun, it's fitness, it's Zumba!"

Zumba combines dance and aerobics, as well as elements of hip-hop, samba, salsa, meringue and belly dance moves.

The event is on Saturday, April 14 from 12pm to 2pm (doors open at 11:30am). Tickets are £5 (available on the door) and a raffle will take place, with prizes donated from local businesses.

In support of the Halo Sports Foundation, refreshments such as tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Let's beat Cancer together!

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Newbold Solicitors lands top award!

NEWBOLD Solicitors was recently nominated for two awards with the Federation of Small Businesses, a group with over 160,000 members.

Those awards were the 'Scale up Business of the Year' and 'Triumph over Adversity'.

The first one is an award for the business that has grown the most over the preceding 12 months, and the second award celebrates those who have achieved outstanding performance whilst overcoming adversity to do so.

Newbold Solicitors were runners-up in the 'Scale up Business' award for Wales and won the 'Triumph over Adversity' award for 2018.

Newbold Solicitors is especially proud to be the winners of the award for Wales, and they now will represent Wales in the UK finals in London in late spring.

Catherine Hartland from Newbold said: "The firm is seven-years-old, we now employ almost 70 staff and our revenue exceeds £3million a year. We are on course to grow our revenue substantially this year.



Catherine Hartland of Newbold Solicitors.

"When I started the firm, my sister had only recently passed away, and my father was diagnosed with a form of motor neurone disease, so personally and professionally it was a very challenging time.

Regrettably I found little support from the accountant, lending institutions or the Government departments. However, I was determined to make a success of the firm.

"In the first six months it was just me, then I brought in a new business partner, Maurice Thompson, and together we started to win new contracts and as a result were able to employ more local staff. The staff were extremely talented and eager to provide the very best in customer service and as a result, more and more contracts came to us. We started to build a

reputation for excellence (even an award), and the firm just kept on growing.

"Over the seven years of serving the public, we have been finalists or runners-up in 12 national awards, including Best Law Firm UK. Our independent Client surveys currently have us at 97.5 per cent client satisfaction, with some of our staff reaching 100 per cent.

"It is not based on luck, it is based on sheer hard work and finding the right people to surround yourself.

Catherine added: "If anyone is considering starting their own business, then Wales is a great place to do so. It just takes resilience, self-belief and an aptitude for business and an understanding of your client base which I believe the people of Wales do have."

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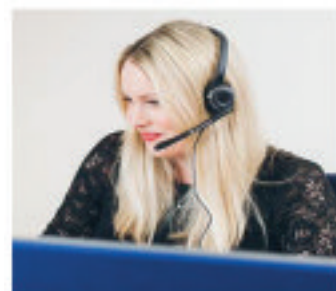


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Get the blues (and some jazz) at Porthcawl festival

TAKE a pretty seaside town with individual shops, galleries and small businesses, an enthusiastic following for all things musical and a photogenic sea front, shake them up together, add a weekend of quality jazz and blues, a need to dance and what have you got – Porthcawl Jazz & Blues Festival 2018.

The event takes place from Friday, April 13-15 and over the last few weeks an eclectic line-up for the 18th annual event has been unveiled.

The line-up is the culmination of the festival's commitment to bringing a diverse and unique group of jazz and blues musicians to Porthcawl to deliver a collection of top class performances, exciting new artists and student groups all connected around special custom-made programming. This all creates a unique musical experience and an atmosphere that cannot be beaten.

"Porthcawl is a place filled with music, culture and creativity, and we have a great legacy of jazz and blues here. The festival – one of the longest running jazz and blues festivals in Wales – truly showcases what makes our town special," said Robert Lee, Mayor of Porthcawl in 2017.

This year, the festival is proud to have Darius Brubeck Quartet featuring Dave O'Higgins on sax headlining the Jazz Day on Saturday – a world class act with an undisputed heritage in jazz.

PJBF have once again curated an excellent line-up that is truly representative of the genres in all its facets. All this wonderful music, the fringe events, a Jazz Day parade through John Street and the Jazz Day Market in the grounds of the Pavilion, means it's going to be a weekend to remember in Porthcawl.

For more information on the event visit www.porthcawljazzandblues.co.uk.

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WI learns what the bleeding time is...

THE last meeting of Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild was the AGM, but before that we had a most interesting and informative talk from Porthcawl's 'First Responders'.

I had vaguely heard of the scheme, but not in Porthcawl so was looking forward to the talk. Roger Slennett came along with Rhys Morgan and told us that it only started here last November and they are now hoping to train more Responders.

The training is done by the Ambulance Service, but the scheme is not funded by them and they rely on donations to cover the costs of the large amount of equipment and special clothing they need.

Roger demonstrated all the equipment they carry from a defibrillator down to small but essential items. The object is to help the Ambulance

Service by being able to get to a local emergency more quickly.

In case of heart attacks, strokes and heavy bleeding time is of the essence, so we could see what a vital extra service it is.

At our meeting we were delighted to present flowers to Ann Barrett on the occasion of her and husband Don's Diamond Wedding. At our AGM the officers remained the same: chairman Diana Richardson, vice-chairman Freda Rodger, treasurer Janet Anderson and secretary Jean Dorrington. Sandra Phillips was very pleased to accept the office of president for the next year.

Our 64th birthday lunch was enjoyed at the Grove Restaurant.

Our next meeting is on April 11 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall, when Ceri Joseph will make a welcome return telling us about 'Local Castles'. Do come and learn more about your neighbourhood.

Dorothy Thomas



The Darius Brubeck Quartet will be there. Will you?

The Jennings Building and Y Bont café scoop local building awards



The new Y Bont café in Bridgend.



The Jennings Building in Porthcawl.

THE transformation of the Jennings Building in Porthcawl and a striking new building next to the South Wales Police Headquarters in Bridgend were the winners at Bridgend County Borough Council's 12th annual LABC Building Excellence Awards.

Between them, the two buildings won five of the nine awards handed out by the council in a ceremony held in the Civic Offices, Bridgend.

Designed by Oriel Architects and built by Willmott Dixon, the Y Bont café and meeting space has been built next to the South Wales Police Headquarters on Cowbridge Road. With a similar design to the HQ, yet on a smaller scale, the building replaced an outdated café that previously stood on the site.

BCBC awarded the development three accolades

– 'Best public service building', 'Best inclusive building', and a 'Special planning award'.

The Jennings Building on Porthcawl waterfront was given a new lease of life last year. Built in 1832, and having had many uses over the years before lying derelict for more than a decade, the Grade II listed building was restored by Loft Co and Ellis Williams Architects.

The resulting development is the winner of two awards: 'Best small commercial building' and 'Best partnership scheme'.

For the full list of winners, visit: www.bridgend.gov.uk/media-centre/2018/march-2018/15-03-2018-awards-for-county-boroughs-finest-new-buildings.aspx.

Each award winner will compete against others from across the region in the South Wales Local Authority Building Control Awards which will be held at the Vale Resort on Friday, April 27. The national awards are later in the year.

'Welsh Gov't reneging on metro plan'

CARWYN JONES has refuted claims that the Welsh Government appears to be backsliding on its plans to create an integrated road and rail network in south Wales.

The Welsh First Minister and Bridgend AM was accused by Plaid Cymru leader Leanne Wood of dropping plans to electrify the railway lines serving Maesteg and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Ms Wood said the recent comparison made by Pontypridd AM Mick Antoniw of the planned south Wales metro to the Loch Ness monster sums up how many AMs feel about it, and that people want clarity about the Government's intentions.

Mr Jones said a map has been published, showing different phases of how the metro will be developed.

He told Ms Wood: "It's not simply a question of upgrading what is already there. It does mean looking at new light rail links, particularly where there are existing heavy rail lines that are not in use."

"We fully intend to move forward – and we've allocated money for this purpose – with better trains, more convenient trains, a reasonable price, an integrated network and more frequent trains, and that's exactly what the metro will deliver."

Mr Jones said the method of traction, there will be a better service and a more frequent service.

Michael Prosser

Mr Jones said the Government's plans for the Maesteg and Vale of Glamorgan lines haven't been discontinued because they will have more frequent services.

He said: "If you look at Maesteg, a twice-hourly service is what is being proposed, whether that means through to Cardiff or one to Bridgend and one to Cardiff."

"The problem with Maesteg is that the main line electrification has gone west of Cardiff."

"That adds significantly to the cost of electrifying to Maesteg. Originally, when we looked at the metro plans, the UK Government had said it would electrify as far as Swansea. Now that has disappeared."

"Whatever is the method of traction, there will be a better service and a more frequent service."

"To suggest that you can divorce Cardiff from the rest of the valleys lines, clearly doesn't work."

"Many people come to work in Cardiff from the valleys. That means when they get to Cardiff, it's hugely important that they can get around in the easiest way possible."

"That means integrating the system in Cardiff with those of the valleys lines. Let me be absolutely clear – there will be more frequent services; there will be better services."

Michael Prosser

Chocks away for Bridgend's #RAF100 bash

TO celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force (April 1) and to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, the Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a celebration evening on Saturday, April 7.

The events planned will be a short service at the War Memorial in Bridgend with wreath laying by the local Air Training Corps Squadrons, followed at 5.15pm by a celebration service at the Bridgend United Church (with refreshments to follow).

At approximately 6.45pm – 7pm after the

refreshments, the congregation will make their way to the top of Newcastle Hill where the Bridgend beacon will be lit to celebrate the accomplishments and remember those no longer with us.

With 2018 not only being 100 years of the RAF, it is also the centenary for the end of the First World War, so this year is going to be especially busy (Bridgend at War event on June 16). We very much hope to see some of you there on April 7.

Please check the weather beforehand and dress for the weather, thank you.

Shirley-Anne Gates

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Tickets on sale for local choir's annual concert

BOOK your tickets now for Cŵm Merched Llynfi's (Llynfi Valley Ladies Choir), annual concert, which takes place on Friday, April 20 in Maesteg Town Hall, beginning at 7pm.

Led by musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik, it promises to be a great evening's entertainment, with

guest artist tenor Rhodri Prys Jones. Coming from Llanfyllin, mid Wales, Rhodri is a graduate of The University of Wales Trinity St David and The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he graduated with a First Class Master's degree.

He continues his studies with Adrian Thompson at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where he is in his second year of the Opera Performance course.

Rhodri is the current recipient of the Janet Price Opera Prize, The Glynn Jones Scholarship, The Busenhart Morgan Evans Worshipful Company Award and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama's prestigious Ian Stoutzker Prize. He is also supported by the Help Musicians Sybil Tutton Award and The Dame Shirley Bassey Award.

The evening will also feature the Bridgend-based string trio, 'Bridge

Strings', made up of father and daughters, Wesley, Rhianwen and Naomi Keirll. Bridge Strings perform music arranged by its members. Their current music includes classical and opera, musicals, films and games, jazz, tango and waltz, pop and rock covers, Celtic, country and folk and their repertoire is continually being added to.

The whole event will be compered by Tony Mullins. Tickets £8 are available from Maesteg Town Hall's box office in Maesteg Library, 01656 815995 or online www.maestegtownhall.com. Anyone interested in joining the choir are welcome to come along to our weekly rehearsal at the Celtic Club, Garth, Maesteg on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. You

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Margaret Griffiths, (Secretary)

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, March 7: First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Tony Disley and John Evans.

The winners on handicap were Emer Disley and Debbie Lea. On Thursday, March 8: First, Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins; second, Rosalie Clode and Stuart Davies; third, Marjorie Halley and Shelia Glass.

The winners on handicap were Mike Williams and Gareth Jenkins.

On Friday, March 9: First, Norma and David Newman; second, Carolyn Matthews and Irene Thomas; third, Chris Rawlings and Mari Jones.

The winners on handicap were Norma and David Newman.

On Wednesday, March 14: First, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, Dave Lea and Graham Norris.

The winners on handicap were Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

On Thursday March 15: First, Glyn Williams and John Henson; second, Mike Williams and Paul Lyne; third, Rosalie Clode and Leila O'Hagan.

The winners on handicap were Mike Williams and Paul Lyne.

The Max Powell Rose Bowl Pairs competition was played on Friday, March 16: First, Simon and Debbie Richards; second, Tony Disley and Bill Turner; third, Peter Bugden and Linda Jenkins.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, and to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons: Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne. Please contact him for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays, there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics, - this week the topic is responding with a strong hand after a 2NT opening.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities, please contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968 or David Newman 01656 649138.

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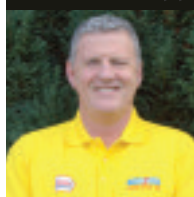
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A lovely evening was had by all. If you would like to attend a fashion show the next one is in the Y Centre in Porthcawl on March 23, call 01656 658388 for tickets.

It's all go as the Porthcawl Lions ramp up for charity events

IT'S all go with the Porthcawl Lions Club once again: the Lions are now taking bookings for stallholders for their May Fair on Monday, May 7 at All Saints' Church, Victoria Avenue.

Stallholders can choose whether they wish to have their stall inside the church or in the grounds.

Those choosing to be in the open air are advised that a gazebo would be an advantage, and in both circumstances stallholders are asked to bring along their own tables.

Last year the fair attracted over 30 stall holders. If readers are involved with a charity or an organisation wishing to raise money, then this is an opportunity not to be missed as the charge for a stall is a mere £10.

The fair, which is opened by the Mayor of Porthcawl at 11am, goes through until 4.30pm with all sorts of games and other attractions.

Call Carole on 01656 788921 or visit our website, porthcawllions.org, for more information.

Another opportunity to advertise your charity/organisation is the Porthcawl Lions charity golf day at the Grove Golf Club on Friday, June 1.

Teams of four are invited to take part - male and female teams are accepted at a cost of £140 with proceeds going to charities and organisations. This year the Lions are supporting The Sandville, Porthcawl Museum, Prostate Cymru and Porthcawl Stroke Club.

Teams entering enjoy a round of golf in addition to coffee on arrival, a buffet meal at the conclusion of their round and the opportunity to win quality prizes. Full details are on the Porthcawl Lions website.

If you're not a golfer but wish to support any of the above charities, then the Lions are offering an advertisement for your firm - or as an individual - placed on a tee on the day, and also particulars of the sponsorship on the sponsor's board in the foyer at The Grove at a charge of £50.

This event has now raised just over £20,000 for local good causes.

The Lions welcome new members and the contact is Jim on 01656 859505; or approach any Lion - they don't bite!

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Bridgend Quiz League news

THESE are this week's teasers and latest results:

(1) Which sport's modern form was developed by Major Walter Clopton Wingfield?

(2) Who or what is a Camberwell Beauty?

(3) What colloquial name is given to skimming stones across flat water?

Results from March 20:

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A 'walk of witness'... then hot cross buns

MEMBERS from Wyndham, CF32 7HE at 10.30am and will sing hymns and listen to readings from the Jesus Good Friday story at various points along the way.

The group welcomes people to join them for the part, or all, of this event. The walk will finish at Salvation Army Hall, Ardwyn Place, Ogmere Vale, for tea or coffee, and some hot cross buns.

Members will gather at St David's Church,

On the morning of Saturday, March 31, they will be taking part in a Walk of Christian witness.

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MP Chris Elmore gives apology after accusation

CHRIS ELMORE has apologised in the Commons for accusing a Conservative MP of misleading the House.

The Ogmere MP clashed with the Conservative MP for Monmouth, David T C Davies, over the Welsh Government's education record.

Mr Davies had been critical of the standard of education in Wales compared to that in England, suggesting that statistically his children have less chance of doing well academically because they attend state schools in Wales.

Mr Elmore accused Mr Davies of doing "a great disservice" to the people of Wales and of

Monmouth.

He said: "He needs to get his facts straight rather than making misleading statements on the floor of the House."

However, Mr Elmore realised that he had gone too far in suggesting that Mr Davies had misled the House.

He said: "I got carried away, Mr Deputy Speaker. I apologise, and I withdraw those words."

The Deputy Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, thanked Mr Elmore for his apology and withdrawal.

Wales is fourth behind the other nations of the UK in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) rankings.

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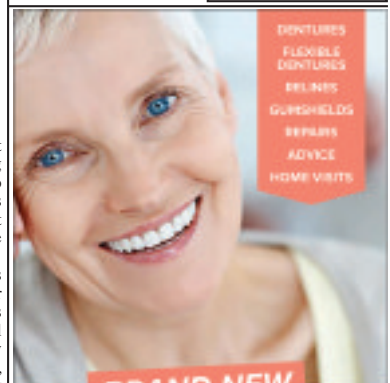
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Bryntirion school set to celebrate World Autism Awareness week

BRYNTIRION Infants school in Bridgend will be celebrating World Autism Awareness week this year which commences on March 26 until April 2.

They will have a number of fundraising events on throughout the week, and are looking to continue with this beyond the awareness week.

Their aim this year is not only to raise money for the National Autistic Society, but to also raise funds to develop playtime within their school and to promote increased inclusion between all children who attend.

They will start with a 'Onesy Wednesday' where each child will

give a donation to take part in the fun. This will be followed by a reading café which the school holds every week, where parents can join their children for storytelling and craft making.

The team in charge of raising awareness at Bryntirion Infants have given this reading café a superhero twist, where the children will come dressed as their favourite superhero and take part in lots of sensory craft activities planned for the children after their 'Autism Super Hero' book has been read.

The event the children are most looking forward to is the bubble release for Autism Awareness. This is where all children and staff will gather on the yard and release as many bubbles as they

can.

Around 700,000 people are affected globally by autism. This event is aimed at getting as many children and adults as possible to question what autism is, how many people are affected by it, how they are affected by it, why are they affected by it and ways to encourage inclusivity and awareness this week and beyond.

The hope among the organisers is that this week will be a permanent fixture in the schools calendar and will enable them to fly the flag for autism in Bridgend and allow the awareness to grow and grow.

Concert at Holy Cross COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir are hosting a joint concert with Kerrier Male Choir from Cornwall on Saturday, March 24.

The concert is being held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge commencing at 7.30pm; tickets £8, available on the door.



Unconscious woman's hour-long wait for help

LAST week The GEM reported on a Cowbridge woman who endured a nine-hour wait for an ambulance after suffering a cracked right hip and broken femur.

Mr Norman Viant from Pen y Fai contacted The GEM to say his wife had suffered a one-hour wait for help after she fell unconscious.

He explained: "On Tuesday February 27, my wife collapsed and was unconscious."

"I called 999 and was asked a lot of questions and was told they would be with us soon."

"We waited and no one came. At the time there was no snow or adverse conditions."

"On the fourth call I was told to get a defibrillator from Smyrna chapel and informed they had not

had any calls from my number up until that point and there was no record on the system of my previous three calls."

"When the paramedics arrived they were very good, but the total response time was one hour; however, when the fourth call was made the paramedics arrived within seven minutes."

Mrs Viant's sugar levels were low, she was given glucose, and has now fully recovered.

The Ambulance Service has said that over the last few weeks there have been significant pressures across the health system as crews have experienced lengthy delays in handing over patients to hospital staff.

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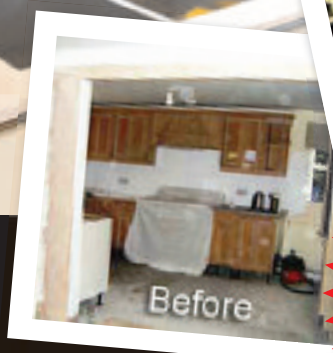
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Hospital chief sets record straight about recent social media claims

THE Chief Executive of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Len Richards has issued a strong rebuttal to "inaccurate" claims that staff were charged for overnight accommodation during the severe weather conditions in early March.

The GEM was contacted by a reader recently who said he had been concerned to hear that staff had been charged £25 for staying overnight at Llandough Hospital.

Mr Richards said he was keen to see the record set straight on such matters.

"Strong denials and details of our policy were provided, but some media and social media channels have still continued to run the inaccurate story.

"We consider that this undermines the sterling work of every one of our NHS teams who, despite unprecedented conditions, have managed to get to work and help us maintain essential health services: treating patients; transporting staff and patients; feeding our patients and staff; ensuring our sites are maintained; and managing the logistics behind the

scenes to ensure we remain open.

"Cardiff and Vale Health Board does not charge staff for overnight hospital accommodation in these circumstances.

"We provide accommodation and food free of charge. There may be exceptions whereby a member of staff has booked accommodation outside of our process, but they are always refunded in full.

"If anyone is not aware of the policy then they can speak to their line manager and we have reiterated this message across all of our clinical and service boards.

"It is disappointing that despite such strong denials, some media outlets have still chosen to run with an inaccurate and deeply misleading story."

He paid tribute to the staff who had managed to get to work during the atrocious conditions in early March.

"I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank all of those NHS staff who braved the challenging conditions to get into work and to the hundreds of people who have offered help and support to our staff..."

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Vale for Africa concert in Barry

BARRY Male Voice Choir and soloists will perform a concert next month to raise funds for Vale for Africa.

It is being organised by third world campaigner Godfrey Knight who explained: "The concert takes place at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Lower Trinity Street, Barry, on April 19, at 7.45pm.

"Vale for Africa was founded by Jane Hutt and is a self-funding charity that dispatches optometrists and doctors to treat people in the Tororo district of Uganda.

"There will be a raffle – tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the interval and are included in the price. Tickets are £5 and are available from me or at the church door on April 19. "It promises to be an unforgettable evening and everyone is welcome to attend."

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The aim of GVS was to produce a short, easy-to-follow document to outline the main steps involved, provide some guidance around each one, and link to some high quality supporting documents.

The governance primer contains the following: From idea to action; trustees; legal structures; the

governing document; charities; effective meetings and next steps.

Download the governance primer from:

www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/information-services/governance-primer or contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales, or visit www.gvs.wales.

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SCHOOLS WARNED ABOUT SCARLET FEVER



Emma with Florence who has now recovered thanks to a course of antibiotics.

PUBLIC Health Wales has written to schools and nurseries across Wales to warn them of an increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever.

The health body received 476 notifications of the infectious disease in the first eight weeks of this year, compared to 295 in the same period last year.

Scarlet fever causes a blotchy, pink-red rash. It is most common in young children but can affect people of any age.

Emma Rees, who lives in Ogmore-by-Sea, realised that her daughter Florence (4) had got it

when she got a rash on her back and her tongue turned 'whitish'.

Emma explained: "Florence had scarlet fever at the beginning of February.

"It started out with her being very sleepy and sick with a high temperature.

"The rash then came out on her back followed by her tongue turning whitish. Only then did I realise it might be scarlet fever. We took her to the doctors and they prescribed a 10-day

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Wales so far this year than in the same period in 2017, but this rise is in line with trends we have seen over the past few years in Wales.

"We have written to schools and nurseries across Wales to advise them of the signs and symptoms, as it is highly infectious and can lead to outbreaks in young children.

"Most cases are successfully treated with antibiotics and complications are rare.

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The same day the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet in the town hall car park in Llantwit at 2.30pm.

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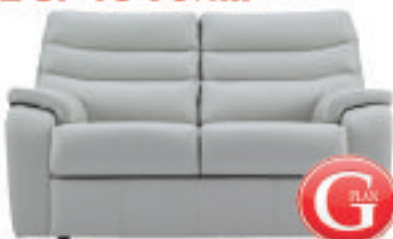
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Out & About with The GEM

Tomb Raider is solidly entertaining – BUT LACKS THAT WOW FACTOR...

FILMS based on video games have a success rate comparable to being a member of Donald Trump's cabinet.

It would be considered folly, then, to take a stab at tackling this genre, even more so when it's been done before to less than auspicious reviews.

So into this breach emerges *Tomb Raider*, a take on the video game franchise wholly separate from the early-noughties Angelina Jolie-starring blockbusters, which sees Oscar winner Alicia Vikander tackle the role of Lara Croft.

With her father (Dominic West) missing, presumed dead after leaving for a trip of great secrecy and importance, Lara spends her days struggling for money and working as a courier.

However when she stumbles upon what her father was working on, it takes her, via China and boat captain Lu Ren (Daniel Wu), to a mysterious island where a

organisation's interests are being managed by a mysterious man, Mathias Vogel (Walton Goggins) – and the findings of Lara's father could put humanity at risk; can Lara stop things before they go too far?

Given that the earlier *Tomb Raider* films were a mixed bag, Alicia Vikander and company are hardly setting foot on sacred turf, and by and large they improve on those films; yet you can't but be left with an underwhelming feeling as this is a film that feels like it's constantly chugging along in third gear, never truly picking up pace or urgency.

This is very much a *Batman Begins*-esque take on the character, the days when Lara Croft's biggest tests were trying to beat a fellow kickboxing competitor and making sure to deliver food on time.

These early parts at least ground the character, and allow for a decent bike chase sequence, but as soon as the plot machinations start whirring it becomes all too familiar.

Vikander is an excellent choice to essay the character, bringing a humanity and warmth to

a character that could easily feel like a superhuman. Certainly that aspect is there, but Vikander grounds her and gives her a little more depth – she's far too good for material like this, but she seems to be having a brilliant time so why quibble.

The cast are pretty big hitters, but sadly reduced to playing characters who lack any real dimension; West is good value in his small role, as is Daniel Wu, who is given the damsel-in-distress role.

Meanwhile Walton Goggins, who is so good in everything he does, draws the short straw of playing a villain that scriptwriters seem to think is different and interesting, yet comes across on screen as bland and limp.

There is nothing to him: no quirk, no great malevolence – he's a



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man trying to do a job so he can get home to his family, but even that strand is just a piece of dialogue that doesn't have any implications.

Behind the camera,

the rather wonderfully-monikered Roar Uthaug (whose background is Norwegian cinema) offers a decent stab at delivering an action film, with the aforementioned bike set-piece kinetically shot, and the third act, which resembles a slightly more dangerous and macabre *Crystal Maze*, has a few decent tricks up its sleeve.

But you never get a real sense of personality or character from the direction – it feels like the work of countless European directors who tackle this genre and struggle to inject anything fresh or interesting.

It's a film that needs to shift gears, to pick up pace as we reach the climax, but the plot lacks suspense and surprise and as such meanders its way towards a conclusion that is every bit as predictable as you would expect.

While the sequel-baiting denouement

certainly hints at a bigger world for Lara that would be fun to explore, you would hope that, should we see another Lara Croft adventure, it's done with a bit more verve and ambition.

As it is, it's a solidly entertaining film, one that will easily divert – but *Tomb Raider* fails to achieve anything more than being a disposable, and instantly-forgettable, piece of work.

VERDICT – Slightly better than its Angelina Jolie-starring progenitors, *Tomb Raider* has a superb turn from Alicia Vikander as Lara Croft – but little more. There's no Wow factor, nothing that will linger with you – instead it becomes a fast-food film, satisfying at the time but ultimately empty, and while entertaining there is no substance here.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Tomb Raider* (2001), *National Treasure* (2004)

'The Year of the Sea' at Vale Walking Festival

THIS year's Vale Walking Festival celebrates the sea and Valeways, the walking charity, has launched details of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, which will take place from Tuesday, May 15 to Sunday, May 20.

The event will run for six days and celebrates 2018's Wales-wide theme: the Year of the Sea.

The festival chair, Marion Eynon, said: "We are delighted that ours remains one of the UK's biggest free events of its kind. We're proud that we can claim to be one of the most inclusive festivals, organising walks for people of all ages and fitness levels. Everyone is welcome, and there is no need to book."

There will be 28

events, from 1.5 miles to 8 miles, offering fascinating insights into the coastal paths, maritime history and Channel wildlife of the region.

"The Vale is the perfect showcase for the Year of the Sea theme," said Marion.

"Our aim is that this year, once again, the Festival will boost tourism. Visitors from outside the region love the event."

"A free, walk-up festival means they can book a B&B, knowing they can cherry-pick their walks with an eye on the day's weather – that's not an option that many festivals offer. But, of course, we're hoping for sunshine all week long – it sometimes happens!"

For full programme details, go to www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk, call Valeways on 01446 749000 or keep your eye on The GEM.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Ward councillors' surgery
THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Gibbonsdown ward, Julie Aviet, Margaret Wilkinson and Jack Hawkins, will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, March 24 at the Jenner Suite, Barry Football Club, Barry Road from 10am until 11am; no appointment necessary.

The Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castletland and Court wards: Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will hold their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 24 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am; no appointment is necessary.

Cake sale
FRIENDS of Penarth Library will hold an Easter Cake Sale at the library in Stanwell Road on Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 1pm.

Kick off Easter with the Great Egg Hunt in Rhoose
PEOPLE in Rhoose will be getting into the Easter spirit on Saturday, March 24 with an Easter egg hunt and scavenger competition.

Under-10s can follow a trail of clues to hundreds of chocolate eggs in Rhoose Community Centre at Stewart Road. When they're tired of chocolate they can join in craft activities or use up energy on the bouncy castle.

For people who like a challenge there is a scavenger hunt to collect items and pictures from around the Rhoose area. One hunt will be for children – one adult required per team of four people. Adults in groups of four can also participate.

Doors open at 11am; activities will run until 2pm and be followed by prize giving at 2.30pm. Tickets £4 which include the egg hunt and crafting and are available on the day. For any questions contact Rhoosecommunitysprit@yahoo.co.uk or text 07375 123343.

Barry Floral Society
ON Tuesday, March 27 Mrs Ann Thewlis of Cardiff will visit the Barry Floral Society for the first time; her topic will be 'The Cat Walk'.

Ms Sharon Dower makes a return visit on Tuesday, April 10 to demonstrate 'Nature's Cast-offs'. Both meetings will take place at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry starting at 2.15pm. New members always welcome.

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The Matrix standard is a quality framework that organisations can use to assess their information, advice and guidance services.

The award reflects the strength of Cardiff and Vale College's careers, information, advice and guidance provision across the entire College at all levels.

The assessor interviewed staff and students across the college's campuses over a three-day period. They identified strengths in the college's clear mission and values, clear reporting systems and meeting structures, joined-up working between curriculum and support, faculty support panels showing the whole college works for the benefit of the learner, and useful and

informative support services information material for students.

The assessor also noted that changes to the college's 'learner journey' structure have had a positive impact, clearly bringing support together which has benefited student success.

The college will hold this quality mark for three years and it will then be reviewed against an action plan to extend the award.

CAVC principal, Kay Martin said: "At Cardiff and Vale College, we are committed to providing the very best learner journey for our students.

"Colleges should not be just places that churn out qualifications; they must also equip learners for the world of work and support them through that process.

"That is why we are delighted to obtain the Matrix Quality standard as it represents the excellence in the service we provide to our students." CS

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Women's World

Day of Prayer

OWING to the bad weather on March 2, the Women's World Day of Prayer service in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge will now be held on Friday, March 23 at 1.30pm.

Refreshments will be served after the event.

Coastal cleanup

VALE Coastal Cleanup is

holding its next beach clean event on Saturday, March 24 at Gileston beach, starting at 2pm.

A spokeswoman said: "Everyone is welcome. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. VCC will provide refreshments and litter picking kit."

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FES celebrates one year at Llandow

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Proposed council mergers 'like Groundhog Day'

A BARRY councillor says that Welsh Government proposals to merge Welsh county councils are 'like Groundhog Day'.

Three years ago, the government wanted to replace the 22 local authorities with eight or nine.

Councillors in the Vale

began to consider the possibility that it would merge with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) or Cardiff Council – but in the end the plans stalled.

Local Government Secretary Alun Davies has now said his vision for the future of local government is that it would be "more powerful in the future

than it is today", adding that he wanted a debate about where local government goes in the future.

A Welsh Government Green Paper now proposes 10 possible new council areas. The Vale could merge with Cardiff, and Bridgend could join Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil.

Cllr Vince Bailey, who represents the Dyfan Ward in Barry, said: "It's like Groundhog Day. How many times do we have to fight off Labour's plans to force the Vale into a merger with Cardiff?"

"This will be time-consuming and expensive and will divert much needed resources away from better priorities."

"Forcing the Vale into a merger with Cardiff would be a disaster, diluting our influence and taking decision-making right into the heart of Cardiff Bay – which has hardly served us well as a county since devolution."

"These proposals put the unique identity of the Vale on the line and could see the country's best performing council reduced to ashes."

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Tickets for this event are £10, which includes a glass of wine (or alternative), nibbles and a discount on book purchases, and can be bought online at ticketsource.co.uk or from the shop by calling 02920 706455. For a full event schedule, visit their website at

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Ovarian cancer information

AS March is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month it is important to remember that this cancer is the largest gynaecological killer of women and many are diagnosed when the condition has progressed.

If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with this condition, why not come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, March 27 between 10am to 12 pm. No appointment needed, just come along and chat to a health care professional from Cardiff and Vale Trust.

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Welsh Secretary says tidal lagoon must be good value for money

ALUN Cairns says there is no prospect of the UK Government approving plans for a Swansea Bay tidal lagoon unless they are satisfied it represents good value for taxpayers' money.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP again came under pressure from other Welsh MPs in the Commons to give the multi-million-pound project the go-ahead.

They say it would provide a major jobs boost in the construction, engineering and steel industries, generate electricity for many years into the future and put Wales at the forefront of tidal lagoon technology.

But Mr Cairns remains cautious. He said research work is continuing on the project involving UK Business Secretary Greg Clark, his own office and the Welsh Government.

He told MPs: "The Swansea proposal is more than twice as expensive as Hinkley nuclear power station."

"So we will continue discussions with the Welsh Government to look at the affordability of the case and do

everything possible to make it a reality. However, the challenges are quite obvious."

Mr Cairns said the Government would respond as quickly as possible to the Government-sponsored Hendry Review, which recommended backing the project.

But he added: "This is quite a dynamic environment. The price of renewable energy has plummeted over that period (since the review) and the numbers from the tidal lagoon company have also changed, so perhaps the delay will prove to bring better value for money for the taxpayer."

He said he was sure MPs would want to see good value for money whatever the outcome of the Government's deliberations.

Mr Cairns said the Welsh Government went through a similar process last year when they decided to cancel the Circuit of Wales racetrack planned for Ebbw Vale.

He said: "Despite wanting to do something, they knew ultimately that it was not good value for money."

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Jean Tait at La Mercerie.

THERE have been recent press articles suggesting knitting should be prescribed on the NHS, so good are its stress-busting qualities.

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Cat Thomas, a local lady who has had some of her work published, has run crochet classes for Jean and her latest is being held this Saturday morning, creating a beautiful Easter wreath.

Next month, designer Anniken Allis will be here to teach Shetland Lace Knitting and, for a lively exchange of ideas, all are welcome at the Wednesday knitting groups from 1pm till 3pm and 6pm till 8pm every week.

Spend some quality time in Cowbridge as Spring (finally) comes to the Vale



ABOVE: Cowbridge's Physic Garden.

THERE have been a few false starts, but it looks as if Spring has finally come to the Vale.

The clocks go forward this weekend, and warmer temperatures are forecast, and people can look forward to the traditional Easter break, which is arriving a little earlier this year.

So, it is a good time to remind people of Cowbridge's many charms – charms that make it both a relaxing place to visit and also a great place to shop.

It has always been the case in Cowbridge that the vast majority of the shops are owned and operated by the faces you see on the shop floor.

This undoubtedly gives the town more variety, with product lines you won't find anywhere else. You won't find yourself looking in the same old chain stores and seeing the same goods.

What's more, having the owners so much closer to their business undoubtedly generates much more personal service, making the 'shopping experience' much more

interesting.

That experience can also be much more enjoyable and less stressful, because Cowbridge is simply a fine place to wander and explore, with plenty of options when it comes to taking a break in a local cafe, restaurant or pub.

There is plenty to see on the main thoroughfare in Cowbridge, but the various alleyways, nooks and crannies will take you to quirky shops and also fascinating slices of local history.

The Physic Garden, maintained entirely by volunteers, is a remarkable creation and is something of which the town is justifiably proud.

Not that long ago, it was an overgrown garden that required a major clearance operation, and now it is a charming place that is a peaceful haven and which changes throughout the seasons.

The Old Hall Gardens are adjacent to the Physic Garden, and here too volunteers have worked to transform the look of what was a fairly neglected area.

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Glam Lamb? Thank you ma'am!



When it comes to lamb you can't beat the Welsh. One of the boys of Wern Fawr Farm with some of his girls.

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Moving into summer we will see lots of hot pinks, oranges and lemons in gorgeous patterns and prints. Bright coloured tops will look great styled with high waisted denim shorts or trousers. A lovely uplifting season is on its way!

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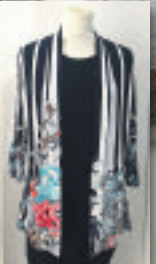
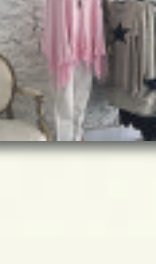

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Spring Cowbridge Feature



LOCAL BUILDING SOCIETY BUCKS HIGH STREET TREND

AT a time when banks and building societies have been deserting the high street, there was delight a few months ago when the Swansea Building Society bucked that trend, opening a new branch in Cowbridge.

The previous tenant, the Yorkshire Building Society, had retreated to its heartlands, but the local building society saw that as an opportunity to extend its south Wales operation (this is its fourth branch) and they have received a warm welcome in Cowbridge.

The Conservative MP for the Vale, Alun Cairns, joined the Swansea Building Society's head of savings/area manager (East Wales), Richard Miles, and the chief executive of Swansea Building Society, Alun Williams, back in December to visit the



Richard Miles and Alun Williams (right) with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

branch before it opened its doors to the public for the first time.

The Cowbridge branch will be the regional hub for the society for its business in East Wales and will complement the three existing branches in Swansea, Mumbles and Carmarthenshire.

Alun Williams said: "We are going against the grain of large high street banks that are continuing to close branches across the country.

"We believe many

people still value a personal approach to their finances and understand that being able to visit a local branch is still very important to those in the community."

Alun Cairns added: "Swansea Building Society is a great addition to Cowbridge town centre. This move presents exciting employment opportunities to the local area and I look forward to seeing how Swansea Building Society will support Vale businesses

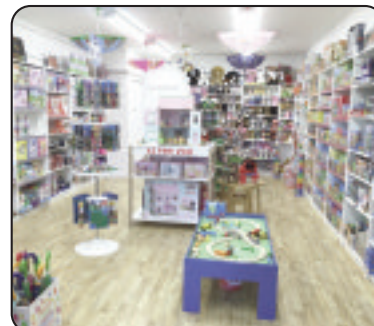
and prospective homeowners."

In February, the society launched a new savings account to help young adults get the deposit together for that first step on the housing ladder.

The First Adult Savings account is for 18 to 30-year-olds, and aims to encourage positive savings habits and comes with a competitive rate of 1.25 per cent.

For full details, contact the Swansea Building Society.

THE PENCIL CASE AND THE TOY BOX



If you are looking for chocolate-free Easter gifts for children, there are two shops in Cowbridge that you will love – The Pencil Case on Eastgate and The Toy Box on Willow Walk.

Owner Sally Stephenson told us: "Now we have two shops, The Pencil Case and The Toy Box, we have been able to put together a fabulous range of Easter gifts for children of all ages, from newborns to teenagers – and adults!

Older children love the brightly coloured stationery at The Pencil

Case: pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books, felt tip pens and the very popular range of Top Model activity books.

"For younger children, our new toy shop The Toy Box has a fabulous range of quality toys, such as Big Jigs train sets, Le Toy Van dolls houses, wooden toys, board games and Hama Beads, to name a few!"

A new addition to the huge selection of Ty Beanie Boos soft toys is the Peter Rabbit range, featuring six cuddly characters from the new film based on the classic Beatrix Potter books.

There are two special offers running at The Pencil Case and

The Toy Box this Easter. Receive a free Easter egg when you buy any 10 collectible Iwako erasers at The Pencil Case; a novel alternative to a chocolate egg, it is a fun way for children to store their eraser collection and will last much longer!

At the Toy Box, spend £15 on anything from the Orchard Toys range and get 'Superhero Lotto', worth £7.50, for free!

The Pencil Case and The Toy Box also stock contemporary greetings cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons. Both shops are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.



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Cash ISA	£1	£1	1.10%
Cash JISA	£1	£1	2.00%
Young Saver	£1	£1	2.00%
First Adult Saver (Only available to customers aged 18 to 30 years old)	£1	£1	1.25%

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A recent feature in the Old Hall Gardens is the granite rock (on right) that marks the start of the Iolo Morganwg Trail.

This eccentric historical figure is famous for reviving the Welsh Eisteddfod tradition. He lived a colorful life, and the town is proud of this historical connection.

Spring is a great time to see what is new in Cowbridge – a number of fledgling businesses have opened their doors in the last six months – and also to pop in and visit your old favourites.

Shopping malls have their place in society, but they are not quite 'real'.

Cowbridge is a living, breathing town that offers a true market town shopping experience – with all the attractions that come with a vibrant and interesting place where life goes on.

In this busy world, many people hanker after the sense of community that we believe used to be the norm everywhere.

Spending time in Cowbridge keeps that community alive, so for visitors, shoppers and residents, it really is a 'win win' situation – to borrow a horrible cliché.

PHILIP IRWIN

Get a fresh new look this year at Sylvia Williams

THE Cowbridge pharmacists, Sylvia Williams, has added two new strings to its bow recently, with a top designer sunglasses stylist, and a range of popular and imaginative facemasks.

The tres stylish 'Gionni' range of designer sunglasses offers both quality and style, for men and women.

With a string continental look, the Gionni range starts at £18, and are well worth a look with summer not so far away.

Also, Sylvia Williams has taken on the Oh K! face mask range, and it offers an extensive range of treatments to rejuvenate tired skin.

Choose from Oh K!'s



Gionni designer sunglasses are available from Sylvia Williams.

gold face masks, avocado, its anti-oxidant coffee bean mask or perhaps the bamboo charcoal face mask.

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WE are modest here at The GEM, and don't like to draw attention to ourselves.

However, thanks to Karen Monks (above) the manager of the Dogs Trust shop in Eastgate, we have received a copy of the GEM, dated April 29, 1984!

Next week, we will be taking a browse through the pages, checking out what was in the news then, and looking at who was advertising with us – some are still advertising to this day!

'Council merger plans are flawed'

THE Leader of the Vale Council Cllr John Thomas has responded to the Welsh Government 'Green Paper' on local government reform.

Proposals could mean the Vale merging with Cardiff, and nearby Bridgend County Borough Council joining up with Rhondda Cynon Taff and Merthyr Tydfil.

The Welsh Government says it wants to see a debate about the future of local government.

But Cllr John Thomas said he hoped local politicians would fight to protect the future of the council.

"It is a considerable disappointment to see the new Cabinet Secretary for Local Government resurrect flawed and unnecessary plans for the merger of local authorities."

"The former Cabinet Secretary promised a period of stability so that local councils could continue delivering vital services to residents and communities without the uncertainty and demoralising impacts of another debate on the flawed plan of reorganisation. Those

promises clearly now count for nothing.

"There is absolutely no good reason to merge the Vale Council, consistently rated as the highest performing local authority in Wales, with the City of Cardiff Council."

"Despite year on year cuts to our funding, we continue to out-perform larger councils. Welsh Government has continually pressed for larger councils despite the fact that there is firm and indisputable evidence that size is no measure of performance."

Cllr Thomas said the Vale was very different to Cardiff, with different needs.

"The Green Paper indicates that the Welsh Government recognises that current funding arrangements for local authorities are unsustainable. However, forced mergers, with huge upfront costs and massive disruption to vital services, are not the solution."

"As has always happened in the Vale, I would now expect politicians of all persuasions to unite to protect the future of the council and the Vale of Glamorgan itself."

TC

Blessed are the Soup Ladies...

DURING Lent, a series of lunches were held at All Saints' Church, Barry.

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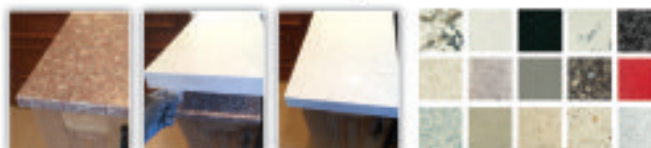
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"We started in COWBRIDGE in 1977. At that time most of our chairs were manufactured in Talbot

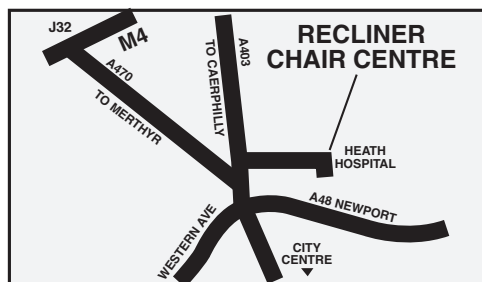
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SWEENEY'S Barbershop has recently opened its second shop on Island Road, Barry (formerly known as Backhouse Barbers).

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Sean Sweeney, the owner, is a master barber and a state-registered senior barber and educator for the world-famous Great British Barbering Academy. If you want to learn, Sean is the man to teach you. Sean is also going to be a judge at Scottish Barber Shop competition in April.

Sean recently did a pop-up barber shop in the Baruc Arms on March 9, giving away free haircuts and advice on jobs in the barbering industry.



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The High Street traders are ready AND LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER

WITH the recent snow finally cleared, the businesses in High Street Shopping Quarter are looking forward to spring and the Easter holiday.

Voted the 5th best independent shopping High Street in the UK, Barry High Street has much to offer both local and visiting families.

In addition to great cafes and bars, High Street is the perfect place for a stroll and a browse in the spring sunshine.

Visitors and shoppers will find everything they need for an extra special Easter break – whether it's fresh, locally sourced ingredients for an Easter feast, home wares for a springy-spruce-up, Easter gifts and cards, or a new outfit for that special celebration.

Built during the Victorian era, it's no surprise

that High Street Shopping Quarter is at the heart of the local community. The combination of lovely old buildings and family-run independent businesses, make High Street the place to visit this Easter.

The High Street Traders are well known for organising great events and this Easter will see The Easter Bonnet Parade.

Starting outside The Grind House (inside if it's raining) at 11am on Saturday, March 31, the group will parade through High Street and Island Road.

"Everyone is welcome to join in and every entry wearing an Easter Bonnet will receive an Easter egg, courtesy of the High Street Traders," said Anthony Hopkins, the new chairperson of the High Street Traders.

"It's always a great event and we can't wait to see everyone in their Easter Bonnets on the day."

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**Faye Blakeley of
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The Small Space is now open



THE High Street Shopping Quarter has a new resident: The Small Space – Wales' smallest theatre (above).

Located on 5, Island Road, this converted Victorian shop is now the world's smallest magic theatre and has shows featuring world-class international and UK magicians.

The recent sell-out shows have received rave reviews as co-director

and Magic Circle magician Jasper Blakeley explained: "We've been overwhelmed by the incredible response we've had from our audience and we're thrilled to be a part of this amazing community."

The Small Space, with a licensed upstairs bar, features stand-up comedy and live music alongside the magic and is also available for private party and event hire.

See www.thesmallspace.co.uk for details or call 07973 731335.



ABOVE: You can be sure of a good night out at Ten11 on Broad Street. After all, the Easter break isn't just for kids.

Local deli welcomes queue jumpers – FOR A GOOD CAUSE

THE popular deli in Barry High Street, Food For Thought, is welcoming queue jumpers because it's all for a very good cause.

It's always the way with a popular deli. Everyone turns up around the same time – but staff noticed that it was causing a real problem for members of the emergency services.

A spokesman told The GEM: "It came to a head one day when two ambulance men patiently joined the queue three times – and each time they had to respond to a call just as they were about to be served."

As a result, the shop has now its own system in place, where paramedics and the like stand to one side and are served straight way.

It's probably the only time when queue jumpers are welcomed.

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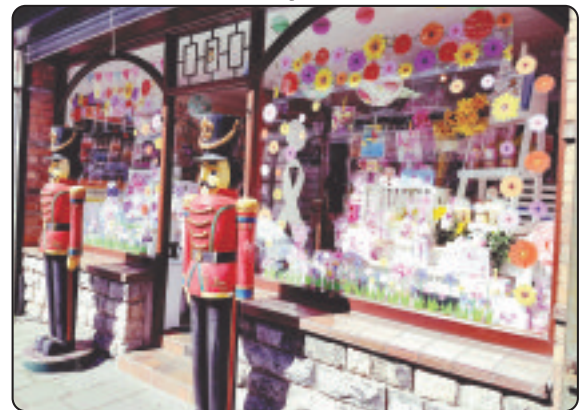
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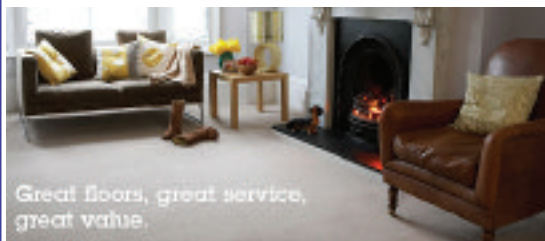
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GIGGLES IS A MUST FOR CHILDREN



Giggles toy shop has a new home in Barry High Street, at No 73, and owner Jill Mathews is pleased with the move. She said: "It's a similar size but is all on one level, so it is much easier to look around."

There's plenty to look at, too. New for this season, with the Peter Rabbit film opening in time for Easter, Giggles has a range of bunnies from the film. What's more, Jill still has plenty of the popular Jellycat Bunnies. Another new range at Giggles - for children from six months to five years old - is the Jumini selection of toys.

Giggles is always worth a visit for any bright-eyed child.

Looking back at last year's Easter Bonnet parade...



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Last year's Easter Bonnet Parade was a huge success and hopes are that this year's (on March 31) will be even better. Every entry wearing an Easter Bonnet in the parade will receive an Easter egg, courtesy of the High Street Traders, and High Street will no doubt be teeming with countless wonderful creations.

SEE PAGE 25 FOR FULL DETAILS
OF THIS YEAR'S PARADE.

CAVC students want to rock you

CARDIFF and Vale students will perform *Schools We Will Rock You*, a musical, between Tuesday March 27 and Thursday March 29.

Ben Elton's futuristic tale based on Queen's greatest hits will pack the Michael Sheen Theatre for three nights, at Cardiff and Vale College, city centre campus.

Students from across the college are involved in the production - as performers and musicians. They will be joined by staff and tutors to stage the production.

The starring role, Galileo, will be played by Matthew Beatty, with Cerys Simmons as Scaramouche; Connor Charles as Britney Spears and Pop; Alex Hurley as Killer Queen; Rachel Phelps as Meatloaf and Adam Greenslade as Khashoggi.

CAVC's 'enrichment co-ordinator' and director, Lisa Jones said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to stage the *We Will Rock You* musical at the college. All of our students have worked so hard over the past few months to perfect their performances, ready for opening night.

"This is the first time the college has staged a production such as and we are thrilled to have an opportunity to support and showcase our student's talents in this way."

Bethan Morgan, musical director and 'deputy head of Creative' said: "We are so excited for show week and look forward to welcoming audiences to our Michael Sheen Theatre."

Tickets for all three performances are on sale now, and available to buy online at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cardiff-and-vale-college

The production of the musical has been supported by The Big Music Project and Youth Cymru.

Prostate cancer
IF you or a loved one have recently been diagnosed with this condition there are support groups in your area where you can share experiences with others in your shoes.

A prostate cancer health care professional will be available to chat to on Thursday, March 28 between 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01336 732385 for further information.

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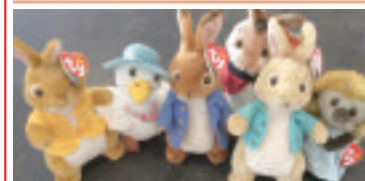
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Icy Monday hits waste collections

RESIDENTS in areas of Bridgend county borough whose recycling and waste collections weren't made on Monday, March 19 due to the icy conditions are advised that crews won't be returning until their next scheduled collection day.

Slippery side roads and pavements created treacherous working conditions for the crews in the Llynfi, Ogmere and Garw valleys which meant that collections couldn't be completed in parts of Blaengarw, Nantymoel, Ogmere Vale, Pontycymer and

Caerau.

Anyone whose bin bags were due for collection on Monday, March 19, will now have them picked up in two weeks' time.

Affected households won't be penalised for putting out double their waste allowance on their next bin bag day, eg four bags instead of two.

If residents' recycling bags are too full next week to accommodate an extra week's recycling, they are recommended to put the extras out in plastic bags (but not sealed bin bags) next to their recycling containers.

Bridgend County Borough Council apologises for the inconvenience.

Fun for bunny girls, and boys



"What's goin' on 'ere?"

FAMILIES with excitable young explorers will find plenty to discover at Bryngarw Country Park in Brynmynyn, near Bridgend, this Easter weekend.

The annual Easter egg hunts will take place between 10am and 3pm on Saturday, March 31 and Sunday April 1 and will involve a total of over 7,000 chocolate treats.

The excellent bilingual (English and Welsh) performers from La La La Productions will be on hand to lead the sessions and guarantee lots of fun along the way.

Children can also take part in a selection of craft activities in the visitor

centre, making an Easter-themed 'cone' to collect their eggs.

Tickets are available from the Grand Pavilion Box Office on 01656 815995 and online at www.bryngarwcountrypark.co.uk.

The Easter egg hunts will start at the visitor centre with a craft activity, and explorers will need to dress appropriately in suitable footwear and clothing.

Bryngarw is run by Awen Cultural Trust, and all ticket proceeds will be reinvested in the country park for the enjoyment of its many visitors.

For further information, contact the Park Rangers on 01656 725155 or email bryngarw.park@awen-wales.com.

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School chef hits the top 10

TREMAINS Primary School chef, Leanne Rees Sheppard, has been named as one of the top 10 school cooks in Britain after reaching the finals of the LACA School Chef of the Year 2018 competition.

The annual Masterchef-style contest pits the finest school kitchen whizzes from all corners of the country together to demonstrate how high quality nutritional school meals are giving children the best possible start in life.

Faced with the challenge of cooking up a menu with a maximum spend of £1.30 and just 90 minutes preparation time, Leanne created a tasty two-course meal comprising lamb and mint meatballs in tomato sauce, Caerphilly cheese and sweet potato mash with steamed broccoli and carrots.

This was followed by a delicious dessert of warm coconut rice pudding topped with fruit compote.

In addition to the maximum spend rule, contestants also had to ensure their dishes complied with the School Food Standards and also take into account the Eat Well Guide 2016.

Judges were also keen to see evidence of the use of locally sourced ingredients and sustainable products.

Judges sampling Leanne's delicious combinations included school children who were eager to taste all of the amazing dishes cooked throughout the day.

Proud of her achievement in making it to the national finals, Leanne said: "Going into



Tremains Primary School chef Lianne Rees Sheppard.

the final I felt more relaxed than the initial regional Welsh competition. I met the other nine regional finalists and we all got on very well.

"I really enjoyed the whole day and my dish went as well as I could have hoped for. The whole day was very exciting, and some really exceptional food was produced that day by all."

"Even though I did not win the national School Chef of the Year title, I would compete again and I would encourage other school chefs to enter next year. I was very proud to represent Bridgend County Borough Council, Tremains Primary and Wales."

Tim Blowers, LACA national chair, said: "LACA School Chef of the Year is an excellent

way of showing why all schools nationwide should be striving for a high quality school meals service. It's a snapshot of the passion and professional expertise of today's school chefs and of the commitment and culinary skill they put into producing high quality meals every single day in schools across the country."

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Mike captures Welsh Railtour special



Image by Mike Wilcock.

LOCAL photographer Mike Wilcock captured a UK Railtour special at Tondur during its 'Valley of the Witch' journey on Saturday, March 10.

Mike explained: "The photo shows the UK Railtour special train taking the curve at Tondur before it moved on to Pyle, Neath, Onllwyn, Tonna, Cwmgrach and then on to Llandeilo. It then returned to Paddington."

The 10-coach train with two locomotives left London at 7.06am and returned at 22.37pm.

All the carriages were fully booked for Valley of the Witch tour, with standard tickets at £89.50, or £196 with first class dining!

Rail enthusiasts can go to 'Mike Wilcock' on YouTube for a half hour film of the event.

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Exhibition in Maesteg – appeal to residents

OVER the past four years Maesteg Town Council and the Maesteg Branch of The Royal British Legion have held various exhibitions and displays.

In respect of World War One, always concentrating on those men from the valley and further afield whose names are remembered in the Councils Roll of Honour.

This year being the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in November of 1918. It is our intention to focus on the 114 men who lost their lives in 1918.

We already have a wealth of information on the 114 men who lost their lives.

For example, we know where they lived in the valley, where they fought

and died and where they are buried or have their names on memorials.

What we do not have is any information of a personal nature which relates to these men. More so we have very little information on those men who returned home.

Through your newspaper could we appeal: if any of your readers have any such items or memorabilia, would they be prepared to share them with the residents of the valley for the exhibition?

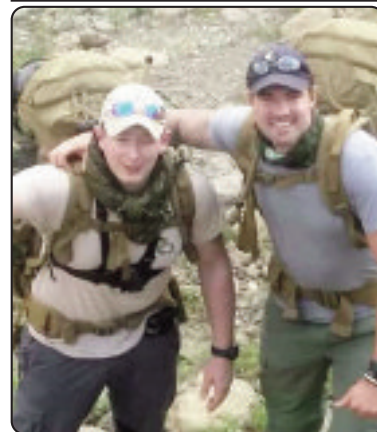
The exhibition will open to the public on October 28 at the Council Office, Talbot Street, Maesteg.

Contact Numbers: Maesteg Town Council, Maesteg branch Royal British Legion 01656 732631; 07456 600014.

Roy Meredith, Branch Secretary
Maesteg Royal British Legion.

Bootnecks take on epic African trek

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Alex Davidson and Glen Steyn.

TWO former Royal Marines, who were based at St Athan, are undertaking an epic 1,400-mile trek through Africa reminiscent of expeditions undertaken by the great Victorian explorers.

Alex Davidson (31) and Glen Steyn (33) are walking the length of the Orange River to raise funds for The Royal Marines Charity and Veterans for Wildlife.

Glen, who now lives in Thailand, explained that the expedition is 'unsupported'.

"We are receiving no outside help for food or logistics."

"We are resupplying and buying our own food en-route and bartering with local people."

The trek takes in three countries, Lesotho, South Africa and Namibia. Starting in the highlands of Lesotho, the route follows the river from its source all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Alex, who lives in St Athan with his girlfriend Stephanie, said: "We started on January 21, after a slight delay with kit issues. We hope to finish by mid-May."

Man jailed

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He was said to have previous convictions for causing criminal damage and using coercive and controlling behaviour and his solicitor, Charles Hayes, said: "He had drunk a huge amount of alcohol and taken drugs. He'd been released from prison only four days before."

He was ordered on his release to pay a court surcharge of £140.

"The timings are rough because the challenges are ever changing. We are currently in Colesberg in the Northern Cape."

"It took us 30 days to walk across Lesotho and we believe we are the first two people to ever have walked across the country."

"When we complete the journey, we will be the first two people to have ever walked the Orange River."

Alex and Glen described the first stage of the trek in Lesotho as "mountain upon mountain". They put in gruelling 14-hour days. It involved climbing and scrambling through gorges and mountains.

By day 26 they began to get their first blisters, and by day 34 they had climbed 87 hills or mountains.

They arrived in South Africa on March 5 and welcomed flatter terrain.

The GEM will be providing further updates over the next two months.

The two men are keen for the public to support their chosen causes – one charity provides help for

injured colleagues and the other protects endangered species.

Go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/expedorange and: www.veterans4wildlife.org/donate and follow the unfolding adventure on Facebook by searching ExpedOrange.

Parc Prison award

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Rory continued: "Their dedication to a profession that at times can be both challenging and rewarding has helped many people turn their lives around for the better. This vital work – often hidden from view – not only transforms lives, it also benefits society, resulting in fewer victims and safer streets. I would like to congratulate all the winners on this important and impressive mark of recognition."



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Ivor will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church, Barry on Wednesday, 4th April at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu, if so desired, for Crossroads in the Vale c/o the funeral director.

LOVERING Edward Graham

Died peacefully at Bellavista Nursing Home on Friday, 16th March. Loving husband to Val and dear father to Kay and Susan. *Graham will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Funeral Tuesday, 27th March, service 2.45pm at St Peters Church, Rhosce, followed by cremation 4pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Hen Goleg Resource Centre.

RICHARDS Jennifer (née Pearson)

The family of Jen wish to announce her sad passing on 5th March at home. Jen was well known as a committed volunteer at Ty Hafan Hospice charity shops within Barry and a loving mum to Neil and Tim. A special mother-in-law of Bonny and Lisa, cherished nan to Laura and a much loved sister of Tina and Robin.

Jen will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

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DAVIES

Anthony (Tony)

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CARPANINI

Carla (née Armelin)

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Carla will be very greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. To be received in to St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Barry on Sunday, 25 March at 4pm. Requiem Mass on Monday, 26 March at 9.30am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 11am.

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RINGWOOD

Mary Elizabeth

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Elsie Maureen 'Maureen'

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Location/Lleoliad: Plaisted House, Llanmaes
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00306/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: The introduction of a single-storey rear extension to the house following demolition of the rear single-storey wing; associated internal and external alterations; and general refurbishment works
Location/Lleoliad: Navron, Boverton Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00244/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Double storey and single storey extension
Location/Lleoliad: The Cottage, Lane - Clemenstone to Pickett Via St. Andrew Church Remains, Clemenstone

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting the Mill, Threshing Barn, Cart Shed and 4 no. outbuildings at Church Farm, Pickett, all Grade II Listed Buildings
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00275/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: The introduction of a single-storey rear extension to the house following demolition of the rear single-storey wing; associated internal and external alterations; and general refurbishment works
Location/Lleoliad: Navron, Boverton Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting The Causeway and Navron, both Grade II Listed Buildings

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00073/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 2015/00570/FUL for external amendments to approved plans. New Proposed development of 27 new apartments in a 1 bed and 2 bed mix at the vacant site on Woodlands Road junction with Tynwydd Road

Location/Lleoliad: Vacant Land, Junction of Woodlands Road, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2018/00252/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of Class B1/B2/B8 Unit (Phase 1) together with associated parking and access arrangements
Location/Lleoliad: Windmill Park, Hayes Road, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 22 March, 2018

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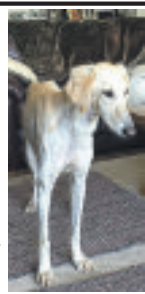
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PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2017

The above Order, made on the 04 October 2017, under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, will create a public footpath over land to the south west of Gileston Farm (NGR 300760 166422) to NGR 300648 166425 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Order map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than the 19 April 2018. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated: 22 March 2018



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Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, a wnaed ar 04 Hydref 2017, dan Adran 26 Deddf Prifffydd 1980, yn creu llwybr dros dda o'r llewlin Gileston Farm (NGR 300760 166422) i NGR 300648 166425 fel y nodir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

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Barrivale Bridge Club results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club which took place on March 13 are as follows:

The top three places were: 1. Irene Thomas and Kay Dyer 64.29 per cent; 2. Mark Roderick and Mike Best 62.38 per cent; 3. Denis Mottram and Jenny Vaughan 57.14 per cent. The handicap winners were Irene Thomas and Kay Dyer.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, please ring any of the following

numbers, 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

Whilst our current class for beginners continue to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.

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Bowl club's pre-season meeting

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club are holding their pre-season meeting on Saturday, March 24 at 11am in readiness for the official opening of the green on Saturday, April 14 at 2.30pm.

Romilly are once again hoping for another successful season having finished in the top four of the first division of the

CML league over the previous six years, winning the title in 2015.

With two club teams in the CML, Romilly are always looking for new bowlers whether experienced or anyone wishing to begin bowling - a welcome is awaiting you at Romilly Park.

Contact secretary Paul James on 01446 745687 or call at the club on March 24 or April 14.

FP

ON AND OFF THE TURF

THERE are 101 entries for the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Ystradowen on Saturday and an exciting afternoon's racing is promised.

Racing gets under way at 2pm with the Hunt Members race which has attracted 10 entries and *Itchy Mel'm Scratch*, who was beaten just a neck by *Fraction Man* last year, will be hoping to make amends this time.

However, *Mason Dixon* a winner at the Curle and Llangibby meeting earlier this year, will be hard to beat with local rider Byron Moorcroft in the saddle.

Evan Williams' 11-year-old *Aerlite Supreme* is another to consider if lining up in this race. However, this former National Hunt performer has also been entered in the Timico Mixed Open race, for which there are 25 entries, and these include last year's second and third place *Patricktom Boru* and *Frelia*.

High Hatton is another to watch out for but the vote goes to David Brace's front-running *Colorado Doc*.

In the Aged Maiden race for which there are 18 entries, *Padre Tito* and *Master Hide*, which finished second and third

respectively at Howick last month, must be in with some sort of a chance.

The former was backed from 5-1 to 5-2 and made most of the running on the first circuit before tiring in the closing stages of the race. For the Conditions race over two-and-a-half miles, there are 22 entries and these include *Carmen Goldsworthy's* popular *Captain Camelot*, *Robin Des People*, *Ruperra Tom* and *January Don* who finished second to *Ann Scott* here last year.

Of the 16 down to run in the Restricted race, *Captain Kennit* and *Mason Dixon* catch the eye.

There are 10 entries for the Open Maiden for four, five and six-year-olds and *Sweet Lady Jane*, a faller at Howick, should be given another chance.

FLINT STRIKES AT LINGFIELD

Vale trainer John Flint won the opening seven furlong handicap at Lingfield Park on Monday with his six-year-old *Air Of York*, who, ridden by William Cox, finished three lengths ahead of *Showdance Kid*.

There were 10 runners in the race and *Air Of York* went off at odds of 10-1.

BRIAN LEE

David Watkins inducted into WRL Hall of Fame

DUAL-CODE rugby legend David Watkins has been inducted into the Wales Rugby League Hall of Fame.

He becomes the fourth Welshman to be honoured in this way following Billy Boston, Gus Risman and Mike Nicholas since the Hall of Fame was introduced two years ago.

The presentation occurred at the Greenmeadow Golf Club in Cwmbran on Friday, March 16 as part of the proceedings at the Welsh Charitable 17th Annual Presidents Tie

Presentation Dinner.

The guest speaker at the dinner was Watkins' former Wales and Great Britain team-mate Jim Mills.

He said: "Who deserves more than Dai to be in the Welsh Hall of Fame? He's been a tremendous ambassador for Wales."

Also speaking about Watkins that night was Wales Rugby League's head of communications and historian Ian Golden, who documented the former Salford, Wales and Great Britain star's life, and the WRL chairman Brian Juliff, who was delighted to present

Watkins with a trophy in a memorable evening for all who attended.

WRL chairman Brian Juliff, Mills and Billy Boston were also honoured on the night by Welsh Charitable RFC as they were inducted as honorary vice-presidents of the society and presented with their ties.

In addition to the stars from both rugby codes, former Cardiff City and Wales international goalkeeper, the Cwmbran-born Andy Dibble, was also inducted and presented with a tie.

They all join a distinguished list that

already includes Watkins, plus people like Max Boyce, Gareth Edwards, JPR Williams and Shane Williams.

During the after-dinner speeches, it was also announced that Welsh Charitable RFC will be donating £2,000 to the Rugby League Cares charity, as well as the Welsh Rugby Charitable Trust, Prince's Trust Wales, Llamau UK and Wales Deaf Rugby.

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Bridge results

LATEST results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for the last two weeks:

Monday, March 12: 1st Steve Burgoyne and John Evans 65.91 per cent; 2nd Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 63.89 per cent; 3rd Glyn Williams and Vida Halford 63.19 per cent.

Monday, March 19: 1st Sue Norris and Su Summerhayes 67.19 per cent; 2nd Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 64.06 per cent; 3rd Glyn Williams and Vida Halford 61.98 per cent.

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Fine day for new captain Keith



New captain Keith James lines up his inaugural drive.



Captain Keith James with winner Martyn Edwards, sponsor Glyn Watts-Jones and runner-up John Caines.

MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society assembled on a cold but dry day at Southerndown Golf Club recently for the traditional drive-in for their in-coming captain Keith James.

Surrounded by 45 of his playing colleagues, Keith's opening drive off the first tee covered a little less distance than many had predicted but never the less was met with the usual warm applause and good wishes for the forthcoming season.

Competing for the Southerndown Cup and many quality prizes on offer the standard of golf was exceptionally high considering the majority had not

seen their golf clubs for many weeks due to the appalling weather conditions.

Leading the field at the end of a most enjoyable day's golf with 38 stableford points was Martyn Edwards, son-in-law of the day's sponsor Mr Glyn Watts-Jones.

Runner-up with 36 points was John Caines followed by Martyn David and Robbie Llewellyn who both scored 32 points.

In the section for visitors and guests Andy Hilditch achieved the highest score with 29 points followed by Arwyn John with 26 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were James Devonald, Godfrey Lewis, Neil McLean and also John Thomas who also had the distinction of recording two 2's on

his card.

Immediate past captain Ray Thomas hit the longest drive on the 18th hole to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize and Neil McLean collected the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky when correctly guessing 21 balls would fail to make the journey home.

This raised £100 for the Southerndown lady captain's charity 'Velindre West Coast Bike Ride' which her husband Julian will be taking part in.

The society's next meeting will be on Thursday, March 29 at Carmarthen Golf Club when members will be competing for the Walker Cup, kindly sponsored by JCP solicitors of Cowbridge.

T. McC

Swansea put the freeze on Bridgend Athletic youth's league title hopes

ON a bitterly ice cold windy day, Bridgend Athletic youth suffered a setback in their quest to retain their Ospreys A League title with a 17-14 defeat by championship rivals Swansea Uplands.

Having weathered the elements and having led 14-9 at half-time,

complacency set in and a woeful second half display saw them concede eight unanswered points.

The Uplands moved level on points with the Athletic at the top of the table with 31 points, but the Athletic are top with a superior points difference and have two games in hand on the Swansea side and two games in hand on other close rivals Bryncoch, who have 30 points.

The Athletic have completed their programme against the top sides with four victories from six games and two losing-point narrow defeats.

Playing against a gale force wind in the first half tries from No 8 Will Barraclough and centre Morgan Roberts both converted by captain for the day Matthew Hobby saw the Athletic lead 14-9 at half-time with the

Uplands kicking three penalties.

An unconverted try levelled the scores. The Athletic second half performance was summed up in the final minute.

The Uplands were awarded a penalty in front of the Athletic posts. An ill-fated Laurel and Hardy-like attempt by an Athletic player to distract the kicker resulted in the missed penalty being retaken and successfully goal.

This summed up the Athletic second half performance. Flanker Tom Davies was the Athletic's stand-out player.

With six games remaining against the bottom four sides, it appears only complacency can deny the Athletic a second successive Ospreys A title.

Head coach Lee Graham and assistant Kevin Gamble will have to ensure the players rediscover their focus for the remainder of the campaign.

It is hoped that nothing prevents this Saturday's local derby against Nantfyllon (March 24) taking place at Newbridge Fields.

AB

Day lands the Romanian Open

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day produced an impressive recovery to beat England's Stuart Bingham 10-8 in the final of the Romanian Open in Bucharest.

The 37-year-old from Pontycymer is enjoying a rich run of form, having recently also won the Gibraltar Open.

He beat Barry Hawkins, third-seed John Higgins - recent winner of the Welsh Open - and Kyren Wilson on his way to the Bucharest final, losing just three frames in the process.

Bingham, a former world champion, started strongly in the final,



Ryan Day.

opening up a 4-0 lead. But Day took charge afterwards, winning 10 of the next 14 frames despite his best break being a modest 62, to claim the €50,000 winner's cheque.

A professional for 17 years, Day is known as a

prolific break-builder, having made over 320 competitive century breaks, including a maximum 147.

He has won over £1.3 million in prize money is currently ranked 18th in the world.

MICHAEL PROSSER

Cowbridge RFC hope to maintain their good form

FOLLOWING the excitement of the Six Nations - and what could have been for Wales - it's back to the league this Saturday for Cowbridge RFC as they take on Ferndale at the Athletic Field.

Following the superb win against Treherbert a fortnight ago the boys will be looking for another impressive performance to at least consolidate second place, if not return to the top of the table if Tylorstown stumble against Treherbert.

With 22 games in the season, Tylorstown have currently played 15 games with 60 points, Cowbridge have played 16 with 56 points and Treherbert have played 15 with 52 points.

However, Caerau Ely,

Ynysowen and Llantwit Major (who have only played 14) are all still in with a shout and it could well go down to the wire. After Saturday's game we have Canton, Tonyrefail (twice), Ynysowen and Wattstown.

If Cowbridge can continue their rich vein of form from the last couple of games then they will be there at the death.

It's up to Tonyrefail the following Saturday (March 31) followed by a trip to Ynysowen on April 7 then Tonyrefail at home on April 14.

So come and support the boys for what promises to be a fantastic climax to the season.

The youth are scheduled to play Cardiff Uni at home this Saturday followed by a trip to Aberdare the following Saturday.

RV/RK

Rotary Six Nations result!

OUT of 571 entries, only one person predicted all 15 results correctly in the Six Nations - congratulations to Cy Wisenden of Cowbridge Rugby Club who wins the £100 prize.

Thanks to some generous donations in addition to the entries, we made a surplus for our charity account of £473.

The Rotary Club of Cowbridge would like to thank all the entrants and in particular, thank The Glamorgan GEM for publicising the competition.

Thanks also to the Bear Hotel for hosting a post box for entries.

If you would like to find out more about the work of Cowbridge Rotary Club, please visit www.cowbridgerotary.club

AS

Clyne makes light of heavy weight!

VALE trainer Evan Williams saw his eight-year-old bay gelding Clyne make light of the hefty 11st, 12lb he had to carry in the Bet Fred Handicap Hurdle at heavy going Uttoxeter on Saturday when coming home two lengths clear of the lightly-weighted *HiherJacquesLady*.

Given a great ride by stable jockey Adam Wedge, who had his mount in a handy position throughout, the mud-loving Clyne went off at odds of 10-1.

Wedge had been successful in the same race the previous year on *Fortunate George*.

BRIAN LEE

Cowbridge Darts League news round-up

ON Tuesday, March 13 a full programme of league matches was completed.

This week there was a switch at the top of the table. The league leaders, the Edmondson B, had a bye so Llanharry by defeating the Hairy Farmers 6-3 now top the table.

In the other games the Edmondson A beat the One Town Hall Square 8-1, the Six Bells Inn defeated the Farmers Arms 7-2 and the Victoria Inn beat the Highwayman Inn 5-4. In that match Steve Davey (Victoria Inn) had a 93 out. In the surprise result of the evening the Red Lion Inn beat the Edmondson C 7-2.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul

Present league standings, after 16 weeks, are: Llanharry (99 points), Edmondson B (96), Six Bells Inn (90), Highwayman Inn (78), Edmondson A (75), Hairy

Farmers (72), Edmondson C (70), Victoria Inn (64), Farmers Arms (54), One Town Hall Square (37) and Red Lion Inn (24).

Next week, Tuesday, March 27 a full programme of league matches is scheduled. The Edmondson B hosts the Victoria Inn, the Hairy Farmers hosts the Red Lion Inn, the Highwayman Inn hosts the Farmers Arms, the Edmondson C hosts the Edmondson A and the Six Bells Inn hosts the One Town Hall Square. Llanharry have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul

a cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Local sports organisations can benefit from £76k Community Chest

CLUBS and organisations across the Vale will receive funding from the Community Chest scheme, which is funded by Sport Wales and managed locally by the Vale Council's Sports and Play Development Team.

This support means that 28 different sports and physical activities across the Vale will benefit, allowing 200 people to attend coaching training, 59 can start first aid training and 38 can attend safeguarding training.

Organisations can apply for funding to assist with creating new activities or improving existing activities. The funding can be used for areas such as coach and volunteer education, purchase of equipment for new activities, and coaching costs for new activities and marketing.

Community Chest funding is not just to develop sports activities, it can also be used to develop new physical activity opportunities, such as running and cycling groups.

Non sport organisations that have previously been successful in receiving funding include local air cadet groups, community associations, housing associations and youth clubs. Most organisations can apply as long as they can demonstrate they are developing regular new activity and can meet the criteria.

The Community Chest scheme will run from April this year, with £81,500 allocated to the Vale of Glamorgan for the forthcoming year.

If you are interested in developing opportunities for your organisation, then the Community Chest funding could help. The next Community Chest panel meeting will take place on April 19; the deadline for applications is April 5.

Contact Karen Davies, Sports and Play Development Manager on 01446 704793 for more information.

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Wales dig deep and defend to take second spot in Six Nations – REPORT BY PHILIP IRWIN

THE snow swirled outside but Wales, France and the roof at the Principality Stadium gave us a good old-fashioned, red-blooded encounter, with big collisions, massive commitment at the breakdown, and plenty of mistakes.

Fortunately for Wales, the crucial factor in deciding the game was that too many of those mistakes came from the French outside half, Francois Trinh-Duc.

It had all started so well for the Toulon No 10. After just three minutes, he coolly dropped a goal from 30 metres to put France ahead, but he was able to bask in the glow of that moment for just 30 seconds.

Dan Biggar's restart kick looked as if it was going to fail to cross the 10-metre line, and the French catchers let it bounce, only for it to stay legal by a few inches. The French froze, Wales regrouped and kicked ahead, with Trinh-Duc in a good position to clear the danger.

However, in cricketer terms it shot up from a length, over his head and Liam Williams could hardly believe his luck, gathering the ball and diving over wide out.

After getting yellow carded for a cheap shot last week against Italy, things looked brighter for the British Lion, but it wasn't going to be plain sailing for him this week either.

Leigh Halfpenny missed the conversion but five minutes later, the Welsh full back kicked a penalty to make it 8-3 to Wales.

The game was settling into a pattern, with both teams looking to move the ball, and with Wales looking the more dangerous. After 11 minutes, Wales were awarded another penalty, and Halfpenny was successful again, making the score 11-3.

On 20 minutes, we saw the best of France, when Gael Fickou, normally a centre but playing on the right wing, fed the ball inside to his forwards, who

produced some old-fashioned French flair, inter-passing and making 40 yards.

When Wales finally made a tackle, the ball was recycled and moved out to the backs where Fickou appeared in his normal centre position and cut through to score under the posts. Scrum half Maxime Machenaud converted, and it was now 11-10 to Wales.

There was bad news for France three minutes later, when their excellent flanker, Camara, took a blow on the knee and had to be replaced.

This prompted a spell of Welsh pressure, with the home team showing a lot of enterprise, but they were unable to create a clear-cut chance.

They did, however, gain another penalty on the half-hour mark, and Halfpenny split the posts from 40 metres.

The French came back, however, and their left wing Remy Grosso was proving a handful, with the valuable asset of keeping his legs pumping after being tackled and inevitably making several extra yards.

It really was a fierce game, with both teams throwing themselves into the breakdown. The only negative aspect was the time taken setting up scrums, with referee Ben O'Keefe spending time talking the two packs through the set up routine.

This was an area that was to get worse for Wales.

However, in open play Wales continued to threaten. Liam Williams brilliantly caught a high kick but as Wales continued the attack, they conceded a penalty.

Half-time came with Wales nursing a four point lead, but no one at the Principality Stadium was taking a win for granted.

Three minutes into the second half, Wales had a great chance when Taulupe Faletau made a great outside break, gaining 40 metres, but his inside pass to Gareth Davies was, uncharacteristically, too high and fast for the scrum half to hold on to it.

Liam Williams also blotted his copybook by over-running his centre on a couple of occasions, and then

having to check to take the pass. It's possible, of course, that he was anticipating a kick ahead, but there was something ominous about these untaken Welsh chances.

On 48 minutes, Machenaud kicked a penalty to make it a one-point game at 14-13, and then another Welsh chance went begging.

It would have been a curious score, with Gareth Davies blocking his rival scrum-half's pass and knocking it forward. French defenders paused, thinking it had come off Davies' hand, but it had hit his leg.

However, a misplaced pass meant that this was another Welsh chance that had slipped away.

By now, the Welsh scrum was coming under pressure, and they were getting penalised. From one penalty, Trinh-Duc lined up a kick to the corner but got a shade greedy, and George North cheerfully shepherd it over the dead ball line.

It was noticeable that, few minutes later, when France received another scrum penalty at almost the same spot, Trinh-Duc's kick to touch was as safe as it could be!

It was getting worse for Wales at the scrum. Alun Wyn Jones was in earnest conversation with referee O'Keefe. Nicky Smith and Elliot Dee, came on as replacements, with Samson Lee following 10 minutes later, but the force was with France.

Wales got lucky on the hour mark when one scrum in front of the posts disintegrated, but this time France were penalised.

This prompted match summariser Brian Moore to say: "I'm no Francophile but that was ridiculous."

Things got worse for Trinh-Duc. He fielded a long clearance kick and his full back, Benjamin Fall, who was standing slightly in front of him, clearly expected the outside half to return the kick. Undeterred, he passed it forward to Fall, prompting gasps of amazement from the crowd.

Referee O'Keefe was in no position to see it as forward, so I'm assuming he received a friendly word from the



Man-of-the-match Alun Wyn Jones discusses problems at the scrum with referee Ben O'Keefe.

TMO. If not, then he took the crowd's word for it.

France threatened again when No 8 Marco Tauluigne made a powerful break. Wales stopped the attack, at the expense of a penalty. Machenaud had just been substituted so it offered Trinh-Duc, in the words of Paul Simon, "a shot at redemption".

His 30-metre penalty was hooked left, and he was very soon replaced by Lionel Beauxis.

There was more defending for Wales. Grosso was put clear with only Halfpenny to beat, but the full back reminded the Welsh public about his defensive qualities and tackled him into touch.

With seven minutes remaining, Wales tried to keep the game tight with a series of pick and goes and this seemed to be working until, two minutes before full time, they were penalised again.

France kicked to the corner, but Aaron Shingler, on as a substitute, proved his worth by stealing the line out – as vital a steal as he will ever manage.

Finally, the whistle blew and Wales had held out. There had been few substitutions in the latter stages, with Gareth Davies and Dan Biggar playing the entire game. Bigger did nothing to change his critics' minds, but he dealt with the frequent charges by Mathieu Bastareaud very well.

Afterwards, the talk was of Wales' newly-confirmed strength in depth. Two complete back rows on show in this Six Nations, with messrs Warburton and Lydiatt also back next year.

Three fly halves to choose from, and Jonathan Davies to return at centre, while Cory Hill has made huge strides in the second row.

This has been a year when coach Warren Gatland has been able to go through the Six Nations with none of those annoying questions about "Warrenball".

However, life is never easy for a coach (just ask Eddie Jones) and it won't be long before Warren will face a further irritation.

Keep your eyes for the first article headed: "Does Warren Gatland know his best XV?"

Teams: Wales: Leigh Halfpenny; George North, Scott Williams, Hadleigh Parkes, Lian Williams; Dan Biggar, Gareth Davies; Rob Evans, Ken Owens, Tomas Francis, Cory Hill, Alun Wyn Jones (captain), Justin Tipuric, Josh Navidi, Taulupe Faletau.

Replacements: Elliot Dee, Nicky Smith, Samson Lee, Bradley Davies, Aaron Shingler, Aled Davies, Gareth Anscombe, Steff Evans.

France: Benjamin Fall; Gael Fickou, Mathieu Bastareaud (captain), Geoffrey Doumayrou, Remy Grosso; Francois Trinh-Duc, Maxime Machenaud; Jefferson Poirot, Adrien Pelissie, Cedate Gomes Sa, Paul Gabrillagues, Sebastien Vahaamahina, Wenceslas Lauret, Yacouba Camara, Marco Tauluigne.

Replacements: Camille Chat, Dany Priso, Rabah Slimani, Bernard Le Roux, Mathieu Babilot, Baptiste Couilloud, Lionel Beauxis, Geoffrey Palis.



Aaron Shingler takes a crucial line out. ALL PHOTOS by the HUW EVANS AGENCY)



Taulupe Faletau was in the thick of the battle.



Josh Navidi on the attack.